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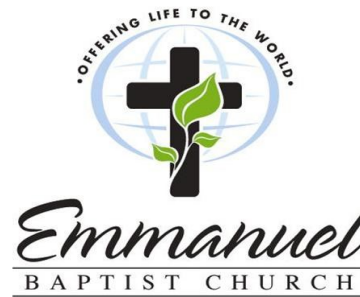
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# Emmanuel Life & Times

## June - July 2023



### Praying our Summer Away...



**This summer, let's pray for one another and celebrate our faith community.** Do you remember the old school assignment: "Write a paper on how you spent your summer vacation." Summer is a good time to pull back, rest, reflect, pray and enjoy life; but often life doesn't go as we planned it.

**Pastor Ben Patterson tells of a time when he was diagnosed as two herniated discs in his lower back.** The prescription for recovery was total bed rest. Here's how Patterson describes it: "I was frustrated and humiliated. I couldn't preach, I couldn't lead meetings, I couldn't call on new prospects for the church. **I couldn't do anything but pray.** Not that I immediately grasped that last fact. It took two weeks for me to get so bored that I finally asked my wife for the church directory so I could at least do something, even if it was only pray for the people of my congregation. **Note: it wasn't piety but boredom and frustration that drove me to pray.** But pray I did, every day for every person in my church, two or three hours a day. After a while, the time became sweet. Toward the end of my convalescence, anticipating my return to work, I prayed, "Lord, this has been good, this praying. It's too bad I don't have time to do this when I'm working." And God spoke to me, very clearly. He said, "Stupid (that's right, that was his very word. He said it in a kind tone of voice, though). You have the same 24 hours each day when you're weak as when you're strong. The only difference is that when you're strong you think you're in charge. When you're weak you know you aren't." That's when I began to understand that God loves the little things, the secret things his servants do, because when we stop being lords, he can be Lord of his church. And when he is Lord, there is power, and there is fruit. The good fruit visible in the church is planted in prayers prayed in weakness and in secret..."



*Pray for those listed below on their birthdays. Contact the church with any corrections.*



1. Brodi Murray
2. Carol Parker
3. Lu McVay
4. Judy Florence, John Terosky
6. Syrenity Medford
7. Christopher Conley
9. Pat Sayre
10. Judy Jones
15. Helen Howell
17. Kandi Alltop
18. Sherra Ferrell
19. Mike Hayden, Jackson Simmons
20. Angeline Barnette
21. Sawyer Lucas
22. Sharon Beall, Kimberly Samolitis, Cheryl Wons
23. Kathy Leavitt
25. David Brooks, Allenetta Kaufman, John Nicholson
27. Gia Mazza
30. Liam Nuzum, Eli Powell

1. Diana Johnson
2. Emma Barker, Tim Jones, Darian Leach
5. Lyndall Jones, Richard Wons
7. Jack Mills, Kathi Ross
8. Deanie Kendall
9. David Carpenter
10. Elizabeth Ables
11. Jim Shreeves
12. Leila Lantz
13. Sue McCloy  
Carl Sizemore
15. Wanda DeMoss
16. Rachel Garrison
18. Jim Backus, Jeff Evans, Sherry Smith
20. Donna Shawver
21. Lauren Modesitt, Pat Smith
22. Ann Beck, Davey Brooks, Clara Howard, Sebastian Huffman
23. Cheryl Stump
24. Meghan Jefferson
25. Jack Buskirk, Donnie McCloy, Laraine Metheny
26. Brion Matheny, David Phillips
27. Jim Nordeck
28. Sarah Robinson
29. Grace Duncan, Jake Keifer, Rodney Wharton
31. Gary Prater, Jan Reed, Dave Stump



### This summer let's pray for one another... As you pray for Emmanuel:

Pray for the staff as they plan programs and work with volunteers. Pray for our deacons and our Board of Ministry as we process the results of the Church Renew Health study. Pray for the Capital Project team as we move closer to beginning our Capital Projects which will require us to worship in the Fellowship Hall for a season. Pray about hosting or helping organize a Table of Life where a few people gather for food, fellowship and fun. Pray about hosting or joining a Lifegroup that meets for fellowship, study and prayer. Pray that God will speak to your heart and help you fall more in love with Jesus.

**Summer Travel Plans:** Pastor Kurt and Mona will be traveling to MO May 30-June 10 to see family. Pastor Kurt has a spiritual renewal retreat in Sitka, Alaska July 10-14 with RefreshedSouls.com.

### Summer speakers include:

June 4: Randy Halterman; and June 11: Brian McClure and Hope Center ministries.  
July 9: Mike Sisson- Executive Minister of the WVBC; and July 16: Children and Youth led service.

**Philippians 4: 6-7** is our summer theme verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Praying with you, Pastor Kurt



Updates From our Staff:

From Jenny Hannan - Children's Ministry Director



Ah, summer! It's right around the corner, and I'm excited for my favorite time of year! Some of my fondest childhood memories were made in summer: listening to a Reds game on the radio with Dad and Grandpa out on the side porch while the bullfrogs serenaded us from the pond; spending the daylight hours playing cars under the crab apple tree with my little sister Missy, only taking breaks to dust off our shorts and come inside when Mom called us in for lunch or supper; playing with troll dolls by the creek with my older sister Leslie; exploring every inch of our family farm; and spending countless hours at 4-H camps!

I spent the first 15 years of my life in a tiny church that neither believed in instrumental music nor gave any recognition to holidays, and where children's programming was unheard of. I had never attended Vacation Bible School until my grandma took me to Bible School at Mt. Zion Baptist. And it wasn't until we left the other church, and I became a member of Mt. Zion that I experienced Camp Cowen!

It's been a blessing to be affiliated with Baptist churches throughout my adult life, and I've had the opportunity to lead and accompany kids and youth in various activities for over 30 years. This past April, I was blessed to be selected as the Part Time Director of Children's Ministries here at Emmanuel, and oh what a blessing it's been! We've had a fun spring, and we're looking forward to what summer has in store for us!



While our little ones continued to enjoy another year of AWANA Cubbies, we just wrapped up our first year with the TeamKID curriculum (for K-5), and it seemed to be well-received! On May 24, we celebrated with cake, ice cream, snow cones, and a program highlighting our kids' accomplishments and recognizing those who moved up to the next age group. **Bryant Cline, Eli Powell and Millie Richards** moved on from Cubbies to K-2, **Charlotte Bevins and M. J. Rader** moved on from K-2 to 3-5, and **Leigha Berven and Andee Ewing** moved on from 3-5 to Youth! All the children who moved up were presented with Bibles.



Even though summertime means a break from school, we're still going to have some fun while learning all summer long! Beginning June 7, we'll have a 4-week program on Wednesday nights entitled, "**SPLAT! Labs**", where we delve into scientific object lessons that point us to scripture. Camps at Camp Cowen will continue through June and July. Our "Food Truck Party" VBS, a joint effort with four other churches in Parkersburg, will be held July 10-14. Also, during July and August, we'll enjoy Wednesday night outdoor "**Messy Games**" sessions, which will teach children the Word of God while allowing them to get a little messy and have some fun! At our June 4 Children's Team meeting, we'll brainstorm other ideas such as outings or parties. It's our sincere hope that we can offer our kids some fun summer activities that they'll enjoy so much that they'll invite their friends!



So much appreciation goes out to our wonderful volunteers who give up their time on Sundays and Wednesdays to teach and/or shepherd our kids. You are all such an important part of this ministry, and we honestly could not do this without each and every one of you. However, we can ALWAYS use more volunteers, so if you're looking for a ministry opportunity here at Emmanuel and feel called to help out, please send me an email at [jenny@ebcww.com](mailto:jenny@ebcww.com)!



A Mother's Day Tribute from Kristin Beatty

Thank you for loving me on your good days and the tough ones. Thank you for teaching me what you know and what you learned the hard ways too. Growing up, I didn't realize just how much you did to keep our day-to-day life running so smoothly. Now that I'm grown up, I'm in awe of everything you did for our family and I admire you all the more. Thank you for coming into my life and making my childhood a special one. Thank you for giving me the best things in life: your love, your care, and especially your New Year's punch and Heath Bar cake! Happy Mother's Day! I love you very much!



Updates From our Staff:

Notes from the Organ Bench (David Enoch)

**"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" by Timothy Dwight  
From the Book "Then Sings my Soul Book 2" by Robert J. Morgan**

*"If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill! If I do not remember you, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth—if I do not exalt Jerusalem above my chief joy." ~ Psalm 137:5*



Those of us praying for a spiritual revival in America should remember the last two decades of the 1700's. It was a low-water mark for morality, especially on college campuses. The Rationalist movement sweeping over classroom and dormitory, had turned most professors and students into infidels.

"During the last decade of the 18th century," wrote J. Edwin Orr, "the typical Harvard student was atheist. Students at Williams College conducted a mock celebration of Holy Communion. When the Dean at Princeton opened the chapel Bible to read, a pack of playing cards fell out, some radical having cut a rectangle out of each page to fit the pack! Christians were so unpopular they met in secret and kept their minutes in code."

Yale University in Hartford, Connecticut, was no exception. The college church was almost extinct, and Christian students—if there were any—were underground. But God was preparing a man named Timothy Dwight (grandson of Jonathan Edwards) to turn the tide.

As a child, Timothy had been precocious. He learned the alphabet in one lesson and read the Bible at an early age. Once when he didn't show up for dinner, his worried parents found him in the orchard teaching the catechism to a group of Native Americans. He was only four!

Timothy entered Yale at age 13, and was so devoted to his studies that he neglected exercise and sleep. He even limited himself to 12 mouthfuls of vegetables at meals, so as not to overeat and dull his mind. He went on to become a pastor and community leader. In 1795, he was elected president of Yale.

Soon he was debating upperclassmen on the subject: "Are the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament the Word of God?" In small numbers, students began considering Christianity, and within a couple of years there were about a dozen believers on campus.

After seven years of preaching, teaching and praying, Dwight saw a revival break out at Yale in which one-third of the student body was converted. This spiritual resurgence touched other colleges too: Harvard, Brown, Dartmouth, and many others. This "Second Great Awakening," provided the spiritual leadership American needed for the next generation.

The spirit of revival permeates Dwight's "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" which is based on a portion of Psalm 137. **It is the oldest American hymn in continual use.**

From Edy Jones - The Necessity Closet

HELLO!! From all of your Necessity Closet volunteers. We continue to meet the cleaning and hygiene needs of our church and community on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Volunteers strive to be your ambassadors of Christ sharing His love and compassion for hurting folks and always looking for Gospel opportunities above all else. We are thankful for the donations from our Church family. So far in 2023, we have assisted 111 families plus given out 15 emergency bags. We consider it a privilege to serve as your representatives in this ministry.





Updates From our Staff:

From Donna Marcinko, EBC Chancel Choir Director,  
EBC Orff Youth Ensemble, EBC Orff Children's Ensemble  
E-mail: donna@ebcwv.com

*“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” ~ Romans 8:28*



Thank you to all the members of the EBC Chancel Choir who have been working together these past 9 months to rehearse anthems for the morning worship service. We have spent valuable time singing on Wednesday to the glory of God, ministering to one another, praying, sharing precious stories, laughing at numerous jokes, and celebrating birthdays! You are a talented group of individuals who have been a delight to work with and you have truly been a blessing to me. I look forward to returning with you in August to begin rehearsing to sing, once again, during the 10:45 worship services. Have a wonderful summer and take care!

The last Sunday that the **Chancel Choir** will sing until fall is Sunday, **May 28**.  
The last Wednesday rehearsal will be Sunday, **May 24**.  
The **Chancel Choir** will resume rehearsals **August 23**.  
The **Chancel Choir** will return to the 10:45 worship service on **Sept. 10**.

We give thanks to God for his love and healing for Karen Vanoster and John Alfred who have undergone medical procedures and are doing well and looking forward to the future with joy! Praise God!

Congratulations to Lauren Modesitt, daughter of Sarah and Joe Stephens, who has graduated from Parkersburg High School and will now be attending Ohio University to study Music Education. Thank you Lauren for singing in the Chancel Choir and assisting with Children's Orff Ensemble. All the best to you!



The **Chancel Choir** will enjoy a “Table of Life” at Lyndall and Judy Jones residence on Wednesday, **June 7!** It will be a time for food, fellowship, and games. We will also time a little time to prepare for the Ministry Fair that will be on **August 6**.



Thank you to Pat Smith, Judy Jones, and Cheryl Wons for providing treats to celebrate birthdays!  
Thanks to Rod Marcinko for supplying water to the choir!

**Children's Orff Ensemble**

Thank you to all the children, with whom I have taught over the last 9 months, for attending rehearsals and preparing to play and sing during the morning worship services. It has been a joy to spend time with you every Wednesday evening and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

The last Wednesday rehearsal for the summer is **May 24**.  
Orff Ensemble will begin again on Wednesday, **September 6**.

The **Celebration Ringers** will begin rehearsing in the fall and more information will be provided at a later date.

During the summer, we will hear from musicians who will provide us with special music for the worship services.

Thank you to the members of the congregation for your continued prayers for the music ministry at Emmanuel Baptist. You are a praying, supportive, loving congregation who give us words of encouragement and appreciation.

Thank you to Tammy Hayes for moving the ministry fair screen from the upstairs area!

Thank you to Terri Fielder for typing all the bulletins, newsletters, and keeping us all organized!

Thank you to Susan Stout for stream lining some of the office work that makes life easier for the rest of us and best wishes as you enjoy time off with Peter!



*“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.” ~ Philippians 1:3*

Updates From our Staff:

From Joe Stephens - Youth Ministry



Summer is that season folks seem to look forward to almost as much as they do the holidays. Maybe even more, as the weather allows us to be outside, school is out for kids, and the long, hot days lead to the feeling of ease, even for those folks who don't get extra time off.

Summer is also a big time for the Youth group, as we unofficially welcome rising fifth graders to the group and we move to a slightly different rhythm for the group, what with camps and retreats and mission weeks. It also allows me more time to dedicate to the Youth, which I am excited about. Here's an overview of our summer calendar, as we know it now.

- **June 11** is our fourth attempt to take the sternwheeler to Blennerhassett Island. If we get rained out again, we're taking that as a sign from God that we just aren't supposed to go. And I may start hiring myself out as a drought buster. Need rain? I'll just schedule a youth trip to Blennerhassett Island and it'll dump it down for sure. But, in all seriousness, we'd love it if you would join us. We plan to take the 1pm boat, returning on the 4:30. Tickets are on us, with lunch and/or extras up to you.
- **June 19-22** will be the annual Youth Mission Week. Toward that end, we are looking for folks who need some jobs done around their houses, such as lawn work, cleaning out sheds, housework—anything that requires willing hands. We're limited to four days this year, so get your request in early. Look for a sign-up sheet in the bulletin.
- **July 9** will be goofy golf in Boaz, followed by ice cream.
- **July 26-30** is our annual High School Retreat. It will be for students going in to 9th grade through students who just finished 12th grade. Location is TBD.
- **August 13** will be a trip to an aquatic center. Our original plan was to go to Marietta, but we've recently learned of one in Clarksburg that is quite impressive, so we may move it there.



There will also be some last-minute activities, such as trips to DuPont Park for swimming, hikes at McDonough, or just volleyball in the Hope House back yard. To find out about those, make sure you are added to our text line. If you're a youth or a relative of a youth who would like to join our text group, text me at 304-893-2992, making sure to tell me who you are. I'll be glad to add you.

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to teens here at EBC. It has meant a lot to me to have this opportunity, and I look forward to continuing it as long as the good people of this church will have me.

In His service,  
Joe Stephens

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If you would like to support Emmanuel through your Kroger purchases, you can call 1-800-853-3033 and a customer service person will help you. Or you can go to Kroger.com. If you don't have a Kroger account, create an account. Then sign in to your account. Find "Community" on the bottom of the website and click on "Kroger Community Rewards" which is directly underneath. Then click on "View Details." If you do not have an organization designated, click on "Enroll".

In the search bar, type "Emmanuel Baptist Parkersburg", it should be the first organization you see, click on the "Enroll" button. Emmanuel's organization number is: HR910. If you are enrolled and it is not Emmanuel, you can click on "Change Organization" and follow the previous instructions to select.



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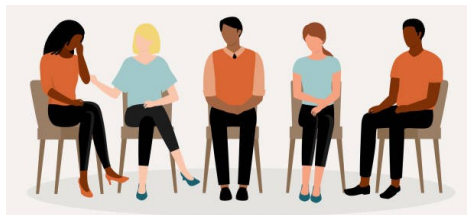
From Gail Samolitis - GriefShare

Emmanuel Spring session of GRIEF SHARE wrapped on May 10th, 2023. The session registered 13 participants and two leaders.

Sherry Smith joined me as co-Leader this spring and was a tremendous blessing to me and to the participants. Sherry is an alumna of Grief Share and after reflection and prayer she wanted to continue her healing by serving others.



Grief Share is a 13-week support group which consists of three components: videos, small group discussion and work-book assignments. Grief Share is open to our surrounding community so if you know someone who has lost a loved one, family member or friend to death recently, please tell them of our group. If you do not want to start GS in the middle of the cycle but feel you need some assistance to move forward after loss, please call NEW LIFE COUNSELING ministry to ask about one-on-one therapy until you can begin a GS support group.



June 2023 GRIEF SHARE ORGANIZATION has published GRIEF SHARE 4.0, an updated new version of GRIEF SHARE videos and materials. The format remains the same, but therapists, counselors, topics, and videos have been updated. We are excited to receive and review the new material for our GRIEF SHARE session in the Fall.

Our next GRIEF SHARE session begins WEDNESDAY, **AUGUST 16th**, 2023, from 6-8p.m. If you are interested in GRIEF SHARE or therapy, please call 304-485-5171 or call/text Gail at 304-588-7632 to register.

From Gail Samolitis - New Life Counseling Center



As we begin June 2023, I find myself recovering from COVID. Our daughter Sallie graduated from Arizona State University during the first week of May. My schedule did not permit me to travel with Tim, so he flew solo to Phoenix and back. Three days after returning he tested Covid positive and promptly three days later I scored my first COVID positive test. In no way, shape or form do we want the last 10 days to reflect on or be a part of “what we did during summer 2023!” Yet this is how summer 2023 begins...

During my COVID quarantine period I became a “Great Aunt” to Harper Jane Weekley. This marks my first time in almost 30 years that I have not been present to sing “Jesus Loves Me” to the newest family member. Another tradition interrupted by COVID.

Although the beginning of our summer may have suffered a slight delay and reroute, we still have great plans for the summer! We will read Psalm 119:105- “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” and allow those words to light the path of our plans so that we can/will praise God in *ALL things*, (I Thessalonians 5:16-18) even when our plans get changed.

Sometime our lives get interrupted by unplanned events, death of a loved one, divorce, anxiety, stress depression, physical illness and we have difficulty handling that interruption and making new plans on getting back on track.

NEW LIFE COUNSELING MINISTRY does have summer hours and appointment only hours. We understand that counseling/therapy can be intimidating or frightening and if you have any questions about what counseling or what Christian counseling is, please contact me so we can talk.

Please call NEW LIFE COUNSELING MINISTRY at 304-588-7632 or call the church at 304-485-5171. We look forward to hearing from you.



Updates From our Staff:

From Eileen Mayer (Missions & Ministry Development)



As we quickly swing into summer, the Missions Team would like to thank the Church for all their support this past year, particularly at our Mission Lunches! Please look forward to a visit from the Guttierrez - hopefully - late this summer. We will keep you posted. Although the mission trip to Peru was cancelled, we are looking into the possibility of a mission trip this upcoming fall or next summer. Your prayers for guidance are appreciated!

Mark your calendars now to attend - or help with - The Marriage Course 2024. As always, it will start on the final Friday in January (1.26.24).

From Kathy Leavitt (Children’s Outreach Ministry)



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I recently was challenged to examine and reset my priorities for the summer. After much prayer and consideration, I will not be pursuing the next course in “Teaching the Teachers” through the Children’s Ministry Institute. Instead, God is allowing me to focus on building the Child Evangelism programs in our local area. It is my prayer, and I hope yours too, that the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus will be widely spread and that His Kingdom here on earth will grow!

Several activities are in the planning stages for our Children’s Outreach Ministry. First, is an **evening of Praise and Prayer on June 2 at 6:30 p.m.** Christ United Methodist Church has offered their facility to support all Child Evangelism efforts. Second, but no less important, is a **weekly Good News Club** at the Latrobe Street Mission. We are currently looking for training candidates to help teach the stories, memory verses and songs. Other clubs are still in planning stages.



You can help by donating snacks (like a sack of fruit), juices and crackers or cookies. Or you can donate an offering to help buy snacks and materials. Whatever God calls you to do!

To volunteer or to ask questions, call Kathy Leavitt at (304)-945-7063.

“...The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few.” ~ Matthew 9:37 KJV

A Mother’s Day Tribute from Dee Lallemond



Let me introduce you to my mom, Sue. My husband, girls, and the majority of my current friends never had a chance to meet her because she died suddenly in 1986 of congestive heart failure. She was a hair stylist and we had a beauty shop in our house. She was a great mom who loved on us in a big way. She had great relationships with her mom and six sisters so we always had cousins to play with. She also was a great cook and awesome baker, she baked decorative cakes as a side job for a while. She was funny...making up little songs, dancing and singing to “All I want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth”. She introduced me to church and taught me how we love Jesus and love others. I could have posted a picture of her on FB dressed up for a special occasion, but the picture I chose was a typical summer day for my mom in the early 80’s. It is one of the only pictures I have of my mom in her beauty shop. Happy Mother’s Day in heaven to my mom and to my dad, who took over all the things moms do when my mom died. Hug your moms today and tell them you love them.



**Praise  
GOD!**

### **A Review of our Praises from April and May:**

The memorial service for Arlene Flowers on 3/27 was a celebration of her life and faith. The Fellowship Team provided a nice family meal after the service. The Mercy's Well concert on 3/26 was well-received. On Sunday, 3/26, we celebrated the Marriage Course ministry, the upcoming Tuesday Fellowship meeting and the upcoming Rummage Sale. The Easter Cards in our church narthex were made by Rhonda Johnston and her crafting group. The church raised \$848 for the Women's Care Center from their Baby Bottle Challenge. On March 28, the Necessity Closet helped 11 families for a total of 29 people and gave out one emergency bag. Jackson Simmons has completed his Eagle Scout project: a dog park at the city park (near the tennis

courts). Our Friendship Sunday service went well on Palm Sunday: our children processed with palms and sang with our choir, the Celebration Ringers and the Children's Orff Ensemble shared a song, Jenny Hannan and Courtney Johnson shared a Palm Sunday children's moment based on the Legend of the Donkey, Samuel Schoenhut shared a sincere prayer, our Chancel Choir shared an inspiring anthem, and the Fellowship Lunch after church was well attended. Ruth Wharton is back from Florida and is making our Sunday refreshments. Will Cosby has been nominated for the Wood County Teacher of the Year Award. Bob Byers and Maridor Keck were with us in worship. Tara Patterson retired on 3/3 after working almost 45 years at C&P Telephone/ Bell Atlantic/ Verizon and Frontier. Tiffany and Devon prayed to receive Christ at the Harmony Ridge Bible study. Kathy Leavitt has received a leadership certificate from Child Evangelism Fellowship. Susan Stout has scanned 70 years of Emmanuel Annual Reports and uploaded them to pCloud along with 1000's of church pictures. Call the office for the pcloud link. Our Easter Sunday service went well: four were baptized (Mason & Ashley Chevront, Bill Roberts and Tonya Cunningham), there was an inspiring piano/ organ duet, the Children and Youth Orff ensembles played and sang, the Chancel Choir shared two anthems, the Celebration Ringers shared a song, Joe Stephens and Keith Schoenhut shared a good children's moment about an "empty Easter egg", Evie Cosby shared a sweet prayer and Kristin Beatty helped lead the service. Matt Casto was with us in worship. We had 25 children in our children's worship services (nursery/toddler, preschool, K-5) on Easter Sunday. Tuesday Fellowship had 35 people who gathered to enjoy a great lunch prepared by Steve and Laraine Metheny and a helpful program on financial and estate planning. A testimony from Bonnie Nestor: "I came to Emmanuel to attend the Grief Share meetings after the loss of my husband five years ago. I felt so much love and care from the people of the church during one of the hardest times of my life, that I knew that this is where God wanted me." Jim Adkins spoke about the passion that drives our service in Christ. A lunch after church raised \$1200 for their mission work. The Choir shared an anthem based on Isaiah 6: "Here I am, Lord". Amy Dutton played beautiful cello music by Bach and Schubert in our 8:30 a.m. service. Bob and Joyce Hines were with us in worship. We praise God for the life and ministry of Rev. Charles Stanley who passed on 4/18 at the age of 90. We praise God for Lyndall Jones and his lawn crew: Bob Langkamer, Evan Frees, Jeff and Adam Evans, and John Nicholson. They removed the large shrubs in the front of the church and planted 21 smaller shrubs, installed 400 square feet of landscape fabric, and transported 3.4 tons of river rock to surround the plants. David Brooks donated his heavy duty trailer to haul the rock. Lyndall shared this thought: "Our thanks to God for giving us the time and energy to provide this service to our church and to the community." Cody Bayless, Becca Busiek's boyfriend, was baptized. Andrew Hanna, Steve and Leslie's son, played Belle's father in the PSHS musical "Beauty and the Beast." Sue Casto has been elected to serve as Camden Clark Medical Center Auxiliary President. Mary and Parrish Malson were with us from CA. Mason Chevront just finished his first year at WVUP with a 4.0. The chancel Choir had a beautiful anthem called "There is None Like You." Andy Swearingen ordered a bouquet of roses for the sanctuary in honor of Laura Jean's birthday. Thomas Beatty prayed to close our Children's Moment. The recent bus trip to the Greenhouse in OH went very well. There was a dedication of the new Whippoorwill Covered Campfire at Parchment Valley. Ellie Raitz and Micah Narraway were married on Saturday, May 6th with their immediate families in attendance at the home of her grandparents, Judy and Lyndall Jones. The Goldeneer Conference at Parchment Valley went well. Judy Prater and Donna Marcinko helped lead the worship music. The Chancel Choir shared a beautiful anthem called "Arise, My Soul Arise." The Renew Reveal Church Health Survey meeting was well attended. Bill Brown was very helpful in discussing our church strengths and growth areas. John Alfred and Bonnie Nestor were both in church. Ruth and Keith Wharton celebrated their 48th anniversary on May 16. They were married at Emmanuel by Dr. John Keck. Barbie Medford welcomed a healthy baby boy "Coulter" into the world on 5/11. Merideth McClain got married in Richmond, VA on 5/20. Kristin Beatty Lambert did a good job as our service leader. She and Jeff Beatty also shared nice tributes to their mothers. Karen Vanoster finished her 12 chemo treatments in May. She is looking forward to a new day of strength and healing. Jerry Hamilton and our AV crew worked all morning one Sunday to try to repair our computer hard drive which crashed before the early service. Jerry got the computer repaired before the end of the second service but we were not able to live stream or video the service.

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**Pray for:** John Alfred, Terry Ash, Jim Brown, Carol Carder, Curtis Cooper, Steve Deem, Lori Frees, Janice George, David Gilchrist, Earl Hulce, Diana Johnson, Mike Jones, Joe Kessler, Sharon Kirk, Pastor Aaron Marvel, Ethel Mason, Larry Simmons, Tyler Turner, Susan West, Richard Wons, For our church as we process and pray over the Renew Health Study results, For our country and our leaders as we face serious challenges both here and around the world.

**Homebound:** Beverly Boggs, Kathy Harrison, Diane Hays, Maridor Keck, Jean Lawrence, Glenola Woodyard.

### **Assisted Living:**

**Belpre Landing:** Ruth Carder; **Glenwood:** Bob Byers, Helen Hill; **Stonerise/Eagle Pointe:** Nancy Duty, Betty Matthews; **Waterview Pointe:** Naomi Couch; **Worthington:** Shirley Huffman, Ada Turner; **Wyngate:** Sam Bolian, Helen Howell, Joan Stutler.

**Out of Town:** Phyllis Crone, Allenetta Kaufman, Mary Malson, Margaret Norris, Bill Ott, Mel Williams, Betty Wiseman.

**Our Deepest Sympathy to:** The family and friends of Marie Edwards, Linda Carpenter's mother / The family and friends of Candy Berry, Carol Braband's sister-in-law / The family and friends of Darrel Elam, Melissa Frees Elam's father-in-law / The family and friends of Mike Power, brother-in-law of Phil and Leslie McHenry / The family and friends of Barbara Malcomb / The family and friends of John Kennemuth, Rhonda Johnston's father.

*Thank You*

**From Pam Wharton** - "Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my illness and upcoming hip surgery on 4/17. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated."

**From Sarah McCloy** - Dear Church, It was wonderful to worship and fellowship with you recently. Thank you so much for all of your support. I truly appreciate your partnership in sharing the gospel in Japan. Thanks for being part of the journey! God bless you! - With gratitude, Sarah McCloy

**From Pastor Kurt and the EBC Family** - The Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale was a HUGE success raising over \$4,300 for our Herman James Meal Fund, the Wednesday Meal Fund and the Camp Cowen Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all who helped organize, store, price, display and sell the items, provide the food and the clean up crew. Personal thanks to Sarah Robinson (Rummage Sale Coordinator), Robbi & Wade Leonard, Terry Ash, Donna Shawver, Lynn Palmer, Brenda Wheeler, Jewel & Raymond Lusk, Ruth Wharton, Jeannie Boyd, Sue McCue, Rose Wood, Rebecca Sasher, Ann Hoffman, Margaret Frees, Debbie Fenton, Betty Hunt, Kim (Jackson) Perine, Bridget Jefferson, Jenny Hannan, Jane and Earl Hulce, Phil and Cynda O'Brien, Nell Orosco, Laraine & Steve Metheny, Judy Prater, Pat Sayre, Bill Roberts, Mary Malson, Todd Seligman, Jeff Evans, Seth DePriest, Keith Mayer and Pastor Kurt.

**Praise  
GOD!**

### **A Review of our Praises from April and May: (Contd.)**

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